

Livestock Slaughter



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Red Meat Production Down

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.59 billion pounds during April. This production was down 3 percent from the previous year.

April 1997 and April 1996 both contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,152 pounds.

Veal production totaled 28.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 129,100 head, 2 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was down 6 pounds to 351 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.45 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.73 million head, 4 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year at 256 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production totaled 22.0 million pounds, down 15 percent from the previous record low set in 1996. Sheep slaughter totaled 331,300 head, down 16 percent from a year ago. The average live weight was up 2 pounds to 133 pounds.

January - April red meat production was 14.0 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent, veal was down 6 percent, pork was down 4 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 10 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Apr 97 % of			Jan - Apr 2/				
	: Apr : : 1996	: Mar : : 1997	: Apr : : 1997	: Apr : : 1996	: Mar : : 1997	: 1996	: 1997	: 97 as % : of 96
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent	Million Pounds		Percent		
Beef	: 2,154	: 1,968	: 2,096	97	107	8,458	8,208	97
Veal	: 28	: 28	: 28	97	100	119	112	94
Pork	: 1,485	: 1,422	: 1,446	97	102	5,874	5,639	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 25	: 26	: 22	85	83	99	89	90
Total Red Meat	: 3,693	: 3,444	: 3,592	97	104	14,550	14,048	97

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States 1/

Class	: Apr 97 % of			Jan - Apr 2/				
	: Apr : : 1996	: Mar : : 1997	: Apr : : 1997	: Apr : : 1996	: Mar : : 1997	: 1996	: 1997	: 97 as % : of 96
	: --- Million Pounds --		Percent	Million Pounds		Percent		
Beef	: 2,114	: 1,930	: 2,062	98	107	8,296	8,054	97
Veal	: 28	: 27	: 27	98	100	115	109	95
Pork	: 1,460	: 1,398	: 1,424	98	102	5,771	5,545	96
Lamb & Mutton	: 25	: 26	: 21	86	83	97	87	89
Total Red Meat	: 3,626	: 3,381	: 3,534	97	105	14,280	13,796	97

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Livestock Slaughter: Number and Average Weights, United States 1/

Species	Unit	: Apr 97 % of :			Jan - Apr 2/		: 97 %	: of 96	
		1996	1997	1997	Apr	Mar			1996
Percent									
Cattle No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	3,039.3	2,794.5	2,997.7	99	107	11,791.3	11,687.3	99
Other	:Thou:	73.7	67.5	62.1	84	92	293.3	278.9	95
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	3,112.9	2,862.0	3,059.8	98	107	12,084.6	11,966.3	99
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	1,163	1,164	1,155	99	99	1,179	1,162	99
Other	:Lbs :	994	1,017	1,010	102	99	1,006	1,011	100
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	1,160	1,161	1,152	99	99	1,175	1,159	99
Calves No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	128.0	127.6	126.4	99	99	548.1	518.6	95
Other	:Thou:	3.5	3.2	2.8	79	87	15.1	13.6	90
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	131.5	130.8	129.1	98	99	563.2	532.1	94
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	355	347	351	99	101	346	346	100
Other	:Lbs :	410	407	397	97	97	416	402	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	357	348	351	98	101	348	348	100
Hogs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	7,886.4	7,437.5	7,590.5	96	102	31,070.2	29,473.5	95
Other	:Thou:	148.4	146.0	137.0	92	94	615.5	567.9	92
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	8,034.9	7,583.5	7,727.4	96	102	31,685.8	30,041.4	95
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	254	256	256	101	100	255	256	101
Other	:Lbs :	232	229	225	97	98	235	230	98
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	254	256	256	101	100	254	256	101
Sheep&Lambs No.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Thou:	374.3	385.9	316.2	84	82	1,482.0	1,312.6	89
Other	:Thou:	18.8	12.2	15.1	80	124	50.3	48.6	97
Comm'l. 3/	:Thou:	393.2	398.1	331.3	84	83	1,532.3	1,361.2	89
Live Wt/Hd	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Fed. Insp.	:Lbs :	133	134	135	101	100	131	134	102
Other	:Lbs :	90	99	92	103	94	96	97	102
Comm'l. 3/	:Lbs :	131	133	133	102	100	130	132	102

- 1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.
- 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.
- 3/ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States 1/

State	Apr 1996	Mar 1997	Apr 1997	Apr 97 as % of 2/ Apr 1996 : Mar 1997	
	----- Million Pounds -----			---- Percent ----	
AL	12.5	10.0	11.7	94	118
AZ	28.7	25.8	28.3	99	110
AR	6.1	5.9	5.5	91	94
CA	86.6	84.1	86.0	99	102
CO	171.3	153.0	165.3	96	108
DE-MD	6.7	5.6	5.6	84	99
FL	4.4	3.5	3.7	84	107
GA	35.8	24.3	25.7	72	106
HI	1.2	1.4	1.4	116	104
ID	42.7	40.9	44.9	105	110
IL	215.1	211.5	200.5	93	95
IN	69.1	66.6	71.1	103	107
IA	523.4	435.7	452.8	87	104
KS	458.5	418.4	455.6	99	109
KY	47.6	41.0	38.6	81	94
LA	2.3	2.2	2.0	88	89
MI	84.9	84.3	82.7	97	98
MN	173.0	172.6	174.4	101	101
MS	23.5	24.7	23.9	102	97
MO	61.7	66.1	63.3	103	96
MT	1.3	1.1	1.1	81	101
NE	541.9	508.2	526.8	97	104
NV	.1	.1	.1	87	132
N ENG 3/	2.7	2.4	2.5	94	105
NJ	2.9	3.9	4.2	146	108
NM	1.9	1.3	1.1	57	81
NY	8.4	8.1	8.4	100	103
NC	143.7	145.4	155.1	108	107
ND	10.5	9.1	8.7	83	95
OH	26.9	25.3	24.8	92	98
OK	19.4	49.6	52.9	273	107
OR	3.4	3.2	3.4	100	107
PA	97.6	86.7	94.3	97	109
SC	13.8	13.0	12.8	93	98
SD	104.6	104.7	105.1	100	100
TN	16.2	15.7	17.6	109	113
TX	385.8	357.3	380.9	99	107
UT	34.0	33.3	31.5	93	95
VA	67.9	60.7	64.6	95	106
WA	61.0	47.9	55.0	90	115
WV	1.6	1.1	.7	46	68
WI	92.5	88.0	97.0	105	110
WY	.4	.3	.3	97	105
US	3,693.1	3,443.6	3,591.9	97	104

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1996 and 1997 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	---- 1,000 Head ---		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		---- Pounds ----	
AL	20.0	18.7	20,350	19,379	1,017	1,038
AZ	42.0	40.7	46,231	46,133	1,101	1,134
AR	2.8	2.8	2,369	2,824	833	1,005
CA	81.3	85.9	99,485	106,433	1,224	1,239
CO	219.6	217.0	260,699	252,123	1,187	1,162
DE-MD	3.0	3.3	3,596	3,967	1,218	1,211
FL						
GA						
HI	1.3	1.7	1,323	1,706	1,008	994
ID	60.0	61.4	70,668	74,971	1,177	1,220
IL	98.6	92.3	115,558	107,441	1,172	1,164
IN	4.6	3.8	4,664	3,887	1,004	1,027
IA	111.4	89.3	132,975	105,968	1,194	1,186
KS	621.6	636.9	713,330	715,201	1,148	1,123
KY	6.0	4.8	6,024	4,839	1,009	1,007
LA	2.9	2.8	2,181	2,182	759	779
MI	44.1	43.2	54,473	52,497	1,235	1,215
MN	96.6	94.6	121,586	119,008	1,259	1,258
MS						
MO	14.2	10.5	15,632	11,562	1,099	1,098
MT	1.5	1.3	1,709	1,442	1,164	1,144
NE	620.6	606.4	740,507	717,242	1,193	1,183
NV	.1	.1	149	134	1,042	1,012
N ENG 2/	2.6	2.9	2,823	3,182	1,105	1,081
NJ	1.9	2.0	2,230	2,382	1,159	1,173
NM	3.1	2.0	2,824	1,796	925	920
NY	6.4	7.8	7,286	8,606	1,142	1,103
NC	15.8	16.2	15,794	16,614	1,000	1,027
ND						
OH	12.3	12.3	13,698	13,996	1,116	1,141
OK	4.6	3.8	4,386	3,588	956	942
OR	1.4	1.4	1,861	1,810	1,357	1,332
PA	86.8	80.8	110,663	100,129	1,274	1,238
SC						
SD	21.1	21.6	27,297	24,920	1,291	1,156
TN						
TX	574.8	559.9	618,171	609,095	1,075	1,088
UT						
VA	2.2	3.1	2,026	3,014	937	976
WA	83.1	75.8	101,276	90,803	1,218	1,198
WV	1.2	1.0	1,048	809	894	847
WI	126.9	134.8	154,023	164,038	1,214	1,217
WY	.4	.4	486	492	1,097	1,119
US 3/	3,112.9	3,059.8	3,609,902	3,524,090	1,160	1,152

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial Calf Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1996 and 1997 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ						
AR						
CA	23.2	15.2	8,512	5,255	367	347
CO						
DE-MD	2.0	.7	885	280	434	407
FL						
GA	.0	.1	17	21	346	359
HI						
ID						
IL	10.9	10.5	4,277	4,361	394	413
IN						
IA						
KS						
KY						
LA	2.2	1.8	1,013	791	457	450
MI	5.4	5.5	1,186	1,280	221	233
MN						
MS						
MO	.2	.2	70	75	362	354
MT						
NE						
NV						
N ENG 2/	5.3	5.6	1,324	1,142	249	205
NJ						
NM						
NY	18.5	22.8	5,956	5,391	321	237
NC						
ND						
OH	4.0	4.2	1,726	1,871	436	445
OK	.1	.1	69	61	461	420
OR						
PA	13.9	15.8	5,360	6,473	385	411
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX	4.4	1.9	2,051	1,100	471	582
UT						
VA	.1	.1	27	45	327	319
WA						
WV						
WI	14.6	17.6	5,836	7,096	399	402
WY						
US 3/	131.5	129.1	46,936	45,353	357	351

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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Commercial Hog Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1996 and 1997 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	---- 1,000 Head ---		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
AL	10.2	8.9	4,184	3,573	411	400
AZ	1.4	1.2	337	265	240	215
AR	17.7	14.3	7,147	6,097	403	425
CA	170.6	158.6	36,820	33,899	216	214
CO	3.7	3.2	821	673	225	210
DE-MD	22.8	17.8	5,309	4,031	233	227
FL	11.7	8.9	2,649	1,916	226	216
GA						
HI	3.7	3.4	692	680	188	201
ID						
IL	744.2	688.0	193,554	179,840	260	261
IN	348.2	356.4	85,720	89,521	246	251
IA	2,387.6	2,056.4	606,558	529,381	254	257
KS						
KY	236.9	188.0	60,309	48,397	255	257
LA	3.9	2.7	826	563	214	211
MI						
MN	583.8	586.4	144,295	148,725	247	254
MS						
MO	285.3	298.6	71,956	76,077	252	255
MT	1.9	1.5	436	326	234	221
NE	509.7	501.0	126,990	128,223	249	256
NV	.1	.1	22	21	225	198
N ENG 2/	2.2	1.5	463	330	214	225
NJ						
NM	.2	.1	39	24	215	220
NY	3.8	3.4	724	612	189	181
NC	735.3	797.3	181,517	197,013	247	247
ND	7.6	3.1	1,777	752	234	240
OH	101.2	89.0	25,891	22,656	256	254
OK	88.7	247.4	23,426	67,773	264	274
OR	14.3	15.6	3,636	3,815	255	245
PA	191.7	198.5	45,880	47,297	239	238
SC						
SD	472.9	497.9	123,660	125,994	261	253
TN						
TX	25.7	24.4	8,806	7,503	342	307
UT						
VA	354.4	349.3	89,225	84,108	252	241
WA						
WV	1.1	.6	368	209	350	331
WI	33.1	33.2	13,940	13,884	421	418
WY	.4	.3	101	72	265	228
US 3/	8,034.9	7,727.4	2,039,431	1,974,748	254	256

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1996 and 1997 1/

State	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	--- 1,000 Head ---		-- 1,000 Pounds --		--- Pounds ---	
AL						
AZ	.2	.2	26	18	117	116
AR						
CA						
CO	140.5	121.5	20,343	17,686	145	146
DE-MD						
FL						
GA	.1	.1	12	10	102	95
HI						
ID	.3	.5	36	61	104	129
IL						
IN						
IA						
KS	.2	.1	26	17	121	114
KY	1.0	.9	126	138	131	152
LA	.3	.2	29	21	95	98
MI	20.9	17.4	2,569	2,199	123	126
MN						
MS						
MO						
MT	.1	.1	13	13	111	126
NE	.1	.1	13	11	101	100
NV						
N ENG 2/	4.7	2.4	552	234	117	97
NJ	15.0	11.1	1,205	997	80	89
NM	4.0	3.2	487	354	122	112
NY	7.4	4.3	690	354	93	82
NC	.3	.2	25	15	93	72
ND	.1	.1	11	10	123	128
OH	1.9	1.3	183	142	94	105
OK						
OR	.4	.4	46	50	116	133
PA	7.7	7.2	741	731	96	102
SC						
SD	16.8	13.5	2,315	1,893	138	140
TN						
TX						
UT						
VA	2.3	1.4	244	152	107	105
WA						
WV						
WI	.8	.7	90	72	113	111
WY	.1	.1	10	11	139	134
US 3/	393.2	331.3	51,446	44,033	131	133

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection:
United States

Item	:Jan - Apr 1/					:Jan - Apr 1/				
	: Apr	: Mar	: Apr	: Apr	: Apr	: Mar	: Apr	: Apr	: Apr	: Apr
	:1996	:1997	:1997	: 1996	: 1997	:1996	:1997	:1997	: 1996	: 1997
	:----- 1,000 Head -----					----- Percent of Total -----				
Class 2/										
Cattle										
Steers	:1,552	1,337	1,482	5,854	5,562	51.1	47.9	49.5	49.6	47.6
Heifers	: 857	888	931	3,465	3,715	28.2	31.8	31.0	29.4	31.8
All Cows	: 570	514	524	2,255	2,196	18.7	18.4	17.5	19.1	18.8
Dairy Cows	: 247	242	241	1,030	1,025	8.1	8.7	8.0	8.7	8.8
Other Cows	: 323	272	283	1,225	1,171	10.6	9.7	9.5	10.4	10.0
Bulls & Stags	: 60	55	60	217	214	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8
Total 1/	:3,039	2,794	2,998	11,791	11,687	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	:7,496	7,153	7,284	29,611	28,310	95.0	96.2	96.0	95.3	96.1
Sows	: 326	236	252	1,220	960	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.3
Stags & Boars	: 65	49	55	239	204	.8	.7	.7	.8	.7
Total 1/	:7,886	7,438	7,590	31,070	29,474	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	: 24	19	19	88	69	6.5	4.8	5.9	5.9	5.2
Lambs & Yrlings	: 350	367	298	1,394	1,244	93.5	95.2	94.1	94.1	94.8
Total 1/	: 374	386	316	1,482	1,313	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Dressed										
Weight 3/										
	:----- Pounds -----									
Cattle										
Steers 4/	: 699	694	691	707	693					
Heifers 4/	: 756	749	742	768	750					
All Cows 4/	: 700	693	686	710	694					
Bulls & Stags 4/	: 526	536	537	531	531					
Calves & Vealers	: 843	850	856	846	848					
Hogs										
Barrow Gilts 5/	: 219	215	218	214	214					
Sows 5/	: 186	188	188	186	189					
Stags & Boars 5/	: 181	185	185	182	185					
Sheep										
Mature Sheep 6/	: 287	284	284	290	285					
Lamb & Yrlings 6/	: 219	211	211	221	210					
	: 66	66	67	66	66					
	: 57	59	60	58	59					
	: 67	67	67	66	67					

- 1/ Total and percentages based on unrounded data.
2/ Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.
3/ Based on packer reports.
4/ Included in cattle average dressed weight.
5/ Included in hog average dressed weight.
6/ Included in sheep average dressed weight.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
April 1997

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :		Cows							
Regions :		Total	Steers	Heifers	Bulls &			Total	
1/	2/	:	:	:	All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/
		1,000 Head							
1	:	2.8	.3	.3	2.0	1.9	.1	.3	3/
2	:	4/							36.6
3	:	94.6	40.0	7.4	43.8	33.5	10.3	3.3	3/
4	:	4/							18.1
5	:	451.6	154.2	66.2	208.1	124.5	83.7	23.1	45.8
6	:	561.2	297.1	185.1	64.1	11.4	52.7	14.9	3/
7	:	1,331.6	730.7	510.7	83.3	12.8	70.5	7.0	2.6
8	:	291.9	136.9	111.0	40.0	6.1	33.9	4.0	.0
9	:	127.3	64.4	8.6	50.1	35.2	14.9	4.3	3/
10	:	136.8	58.9	41.5	33.0	15.6	17.4	3.5	23.3
US 2/	:	2,997.7	1,482.4	930.8	524.4	240.9	283.5	60.2	126.4
		Hogs				Sheep			
Standard:									
Federal :									
Regions :		Total	Barrows	Stags &		Total	Mature	Lambs &	
1/	2/	:	& Gilts	Sows	Boars	2/	Sheep	Yearlings	
		1,000 Head							
1	:	1.2	1.2			2.3	.5	1.7	
2	:	6/				15.4	2.7	12.7	
3	:	6/				5/			
4	:	1,770.0	1,691.6	77.0	1.4	5/			
5	:	6/				53.4	7.1	46.3	
6	:	2,251.9	2,124.9	112.5	14.6	5/			
7	:	6/				59.6	4.6	55.0	
8	:	3,385.6	3,284.9	62.1	38.7	5/			
9	:	6/				5/			
10	:	181.7	181.1	.6		185.6	3.7	181.9	
US 2/	:	7,590.5	7,283.6	252.1	54.8	316.2	18.6	297.5	

- 1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR, & WA.
- 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 3/ Regions 1-2, 3-4, 6-7 and 9-10 combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations.
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- 5/ Regions 3-5, 6-7 and 8-10 combined for sheep to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- 6/ Regions 2-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By Region and United States,
January - April 1997 *

		Cattle						Calves	
Standard:									
Federal :	Total :	Steers :	Heifers :	Cows :			Bulls & :	Total :	
Regions :	1/ :	2/ :	3/ :	All :	Dairy :	Other :	Stags :	2/ :	
		1,000 Head							
1	10.5	1.2	.9	7.4	7.2	.2	1.0	3/	
2	4/							136.4	
3	365.2	144.5	29.7	179.5	137.3	42.2	11.5	3/	
4	4/							81.0	
5	1,738.9	554.2	251.5	855.1	516.5	338.6	78.1	179.8	
6	2,199.2	1,127.5	737.8	279.5	50.1	229.4	54.4	3/	
7	5,171.6	2,724.1	2,054.8	363.3	59.3	304.1	29.2	15.4	
8	1,169.1	524.7	452.1	177.0	24.2	152.7	15.4	.0	
9	497.4	247.4	28.6	208.6	169.3	39.3	12.8	3/	
10	535.5	238.6	159.6	125.7	61.0	64.7	11.6	106.0	
US	11,687.3	5,562.2	3,715.0	2,196.0	1,024.8	1,171.3	214.1	518.6	
		Hogs			Sheep				
Total :		Barrows :	Sows :		Stags & :	Total :	Mature :	Lambs & :	
2/ :		& Gilts :	Sows :		Boars :	2/ :	Sheep :	Yearlings :	
		1,000 Head							
1	5.0	4.8	.2		6.3	1.5		4.8	
2	6/				47.1	9.0		38.2	
3	6/				5/				
4	6,907.9	6,596.6	305.9	5.3	5/				
5	6/				204.4	23.6		180.8	
6	8,762.3	8,275.2	428.4	58.8	5/				
7	6/				247.0	20.9		226.2	
8	13,074.7	12,711.8	223.4	139.5	5/				
9	6/				5/				
10	723.7	721.6	1.9	.2	807.7	13.8		793.9	
US	29,473.5	28,310.0	959.7	203.8	1,312.6	68.7		1,243.9	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA, & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV, & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK, & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO, & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- ID, OR, & WA.

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6/ Regions 2-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1997 1/

State	Cattle							Calves
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls &	Total
	2/			All	Dairy	Other	Stags	2/
	1,000 Head							
AL	17.5			17.0	2.9	14.1	.4	
AZ	40.1	38.0	2.1					
AR	2.3	.2	.1	1.8	.1	1.7	.2	
CA	85.3	25.9	6.2	49.1	34.9	14.2	4.1	15.1
CO	216.2	113.8	93.1	9.1	.3	8.8	.3	
DE-MD	3.3	2.4	.6	.2	.2		.1	.7
FL								
GA								
HI	1.7	.4	.3	.9	.2	.7	.1	
ID	59.9	23.2	13.3	21.2	8.8	12.4	2.2	4.0
IL	88.8	47.2	35.1	5.2	3.0	2.2	1.3	10.4
IN								
IA	88.0	38.4	25.3	23.0	9.5	13.5	1.3	
KS	632.2	373.2	257.2	1.7	.2	1.5	.1	
KY								
LA								
MI	41.0	23.6	1.8	15.3	12.4	2.9	.4	5.4
MN	91.6	31.7	18.4	35.7	21.7	14.0	5.9	
MS								
MO	7.5	1.1	.5	5.0	.3	4.7	.9	
MT	.7	.2	.2	.2		.2	.1	
NE	604.0	317.9	227.6	53.8	2.9	50.9	4.8	
NV	.1	.1						
N ENG	2.8	.3	.3	2.0	1.9	.1	.3	5.5
NJ	2.0	.6	.2	1.0	.8	.2	.3	
NM								
NY	7.5	.6	.3	6.0	6.0		.5	22.8
NC	14.9	.1	.1	11.4	6.2	5.2	3.3	
ND								
OH	6.1	.3	.3	5.0	4.5	.5	.5	4.1
OK								
OR	1.1	.6	.1	.3	.2	.1	.2	
PA	80.6	36.3	6.3	35.7	26.2	9.5	2.3	15.7
SC								
SD	19.7	.1		18.1	1.9	16.2	1.5	
TN								
TX	556.0	296.5	184.8	60.1	10.0	50.1	14.6	1.5
UT								
VA								.1
WA	75.8	35.1	28.1	11.5	6.6	4.9	1.0	
WV	.1							
WI	131.8	49.5	7.1	71.0	57.8	13.2	4.3	17.6
WY								
US 3/	2,997.7	1,482.4	930.8	524.4	240.9	283.5	60.2	126.4

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2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

3/ States with no data printed are still included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Federally Inspected Slaughter: By State and United States,
April 1997 1/

State	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
	1,000 Head						
AL	7.7	.1	6.3	1.3			
AZ							
AR	13.9	5.6	8.3				
CA	152.3	152.1	.2				
CO	2.8	2.7	.1		121.5		121.5
DE-MD	17.7	17.5	.2				
FL							
GA							
HI	3.4	3.3	.1				
ID					.3		.3
IL	658.1	591.7	53.8	12.7			
IN	352.7	352.5	.1	.1			
IA	2,053.4	1,981.2	33.5	38.7			
KS							
KY	187.6	180.3	7.3		.9	.7	.2
LA							
MI					17.2	2.3	14.8
MN	584.0	584.0					
MS							
MO	296.4	296.2	.2				
MT	1.2	1.1	.1		.1		.1
NE	499.6	499.5					
NV	.1	.1					
N ENG	1.2	1.2			2.3	.5	1.7
NJ					11.1	2.0	9.1
NM							
NY	3.1	3.1			4.3	.7	3.5
NC	773.9	766.7	7.2				
ND	2.9	2.8					
OH	80.1	73.1	6.9				
OK	244.4	239.4	5.0				
OR	15.4	15.2	.1		.3	.1	.1
PA	198.1	197.1	1.0		7.1	.8	6.2
SC							
SD	496.7	475.5	21.2		13.3		13.3
TN							
TX	14.0	8.4	5.5	.2			
UT							
VA	349.1	347.4	1.6		1.3	.1	1.3
WA							
WV							
WI	29.0	.4	28.5	.1			
WY							
US 3/	7,590.5	7,283.6	252.1	54.8	316.2	18.6	297.5

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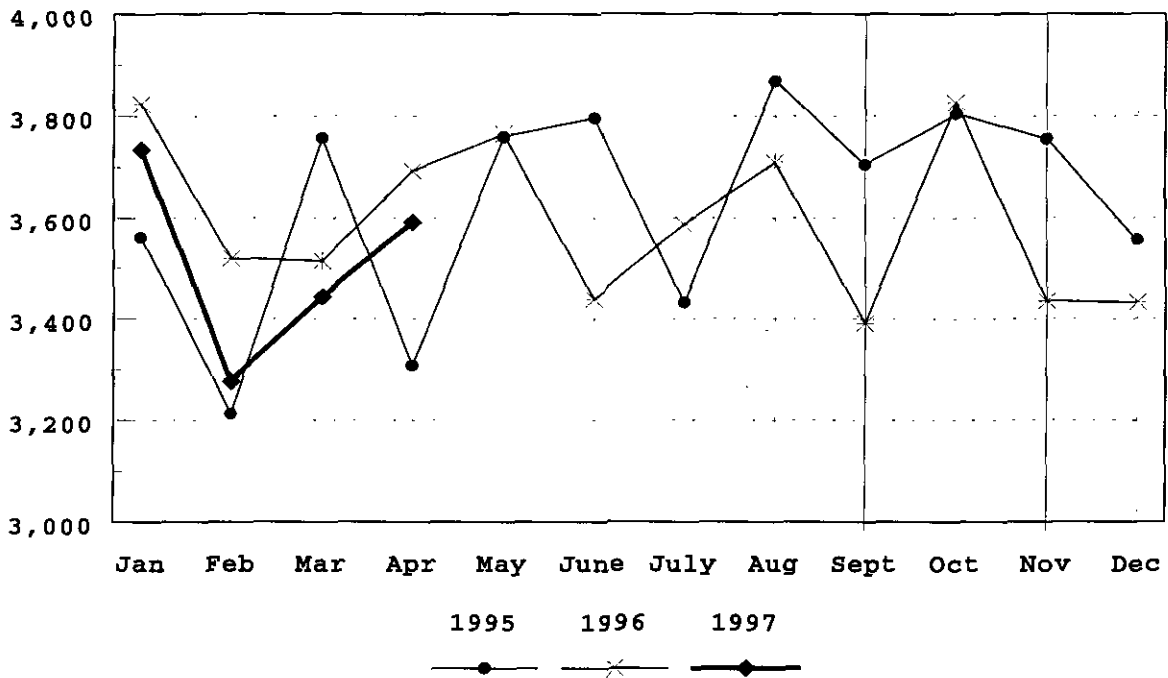
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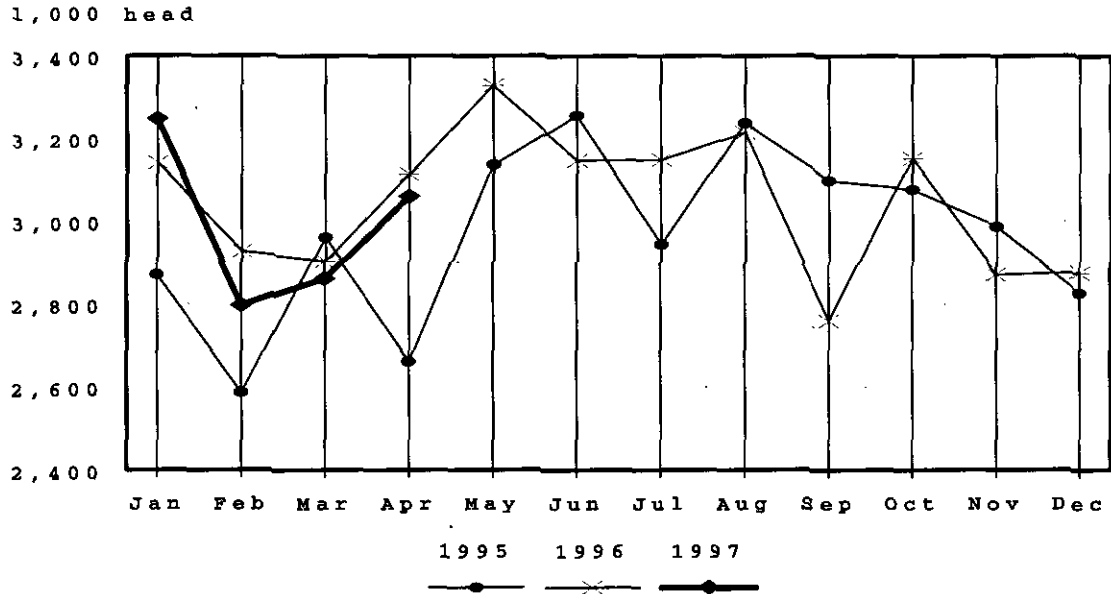
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	1996	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	1997	
	Percent							
Cattle	97.6	97.6	97.6	98.0	97.6	97.6	97.7	
Calves	97.3	97.6	97.6	97.9	97.3	97.3	97.5	
Hogs	98.2	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.1	98.1	98.1	
Sheep	95.2	96.9	96.9	95.4	96.7	96.7	96.4	

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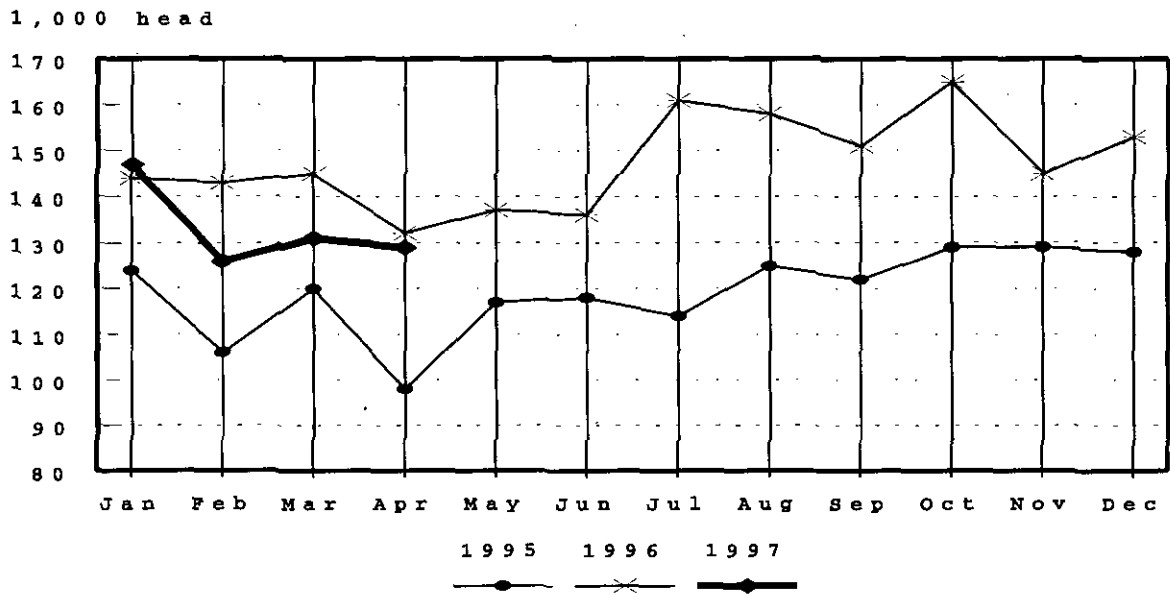
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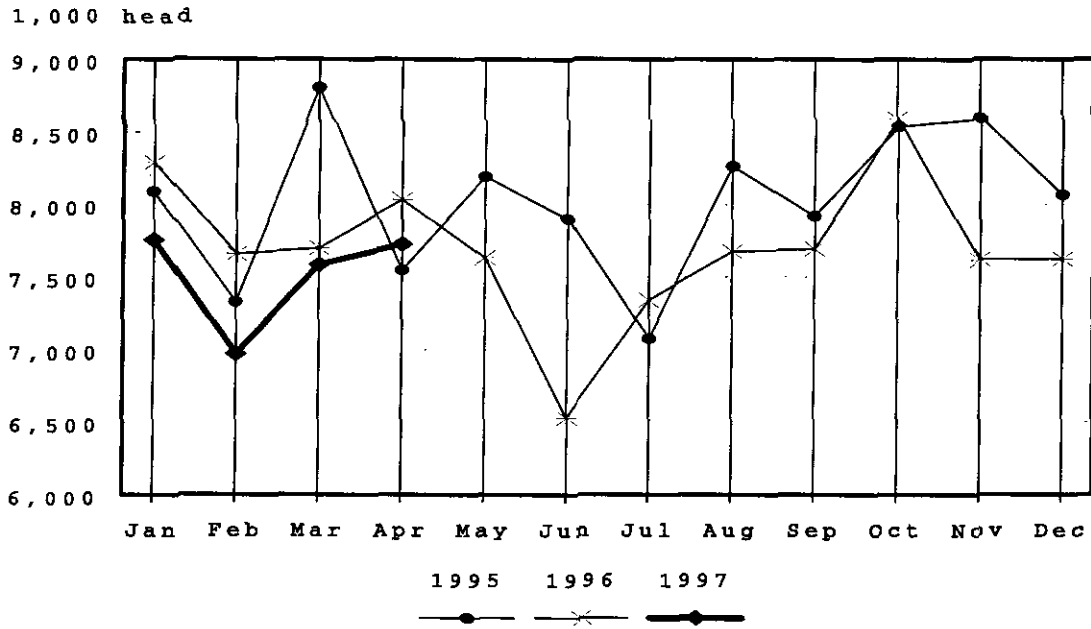
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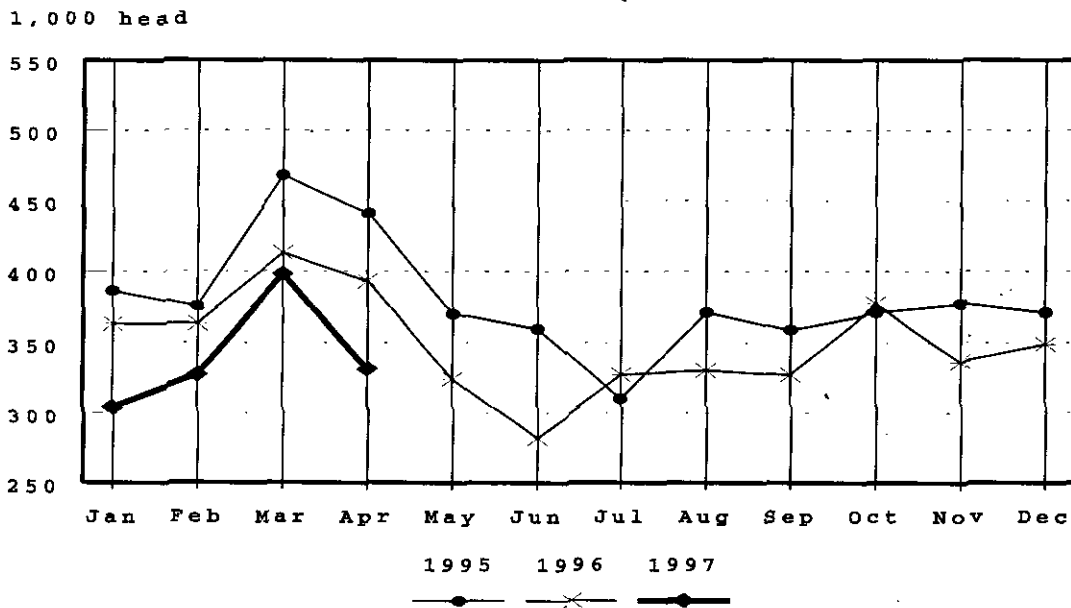
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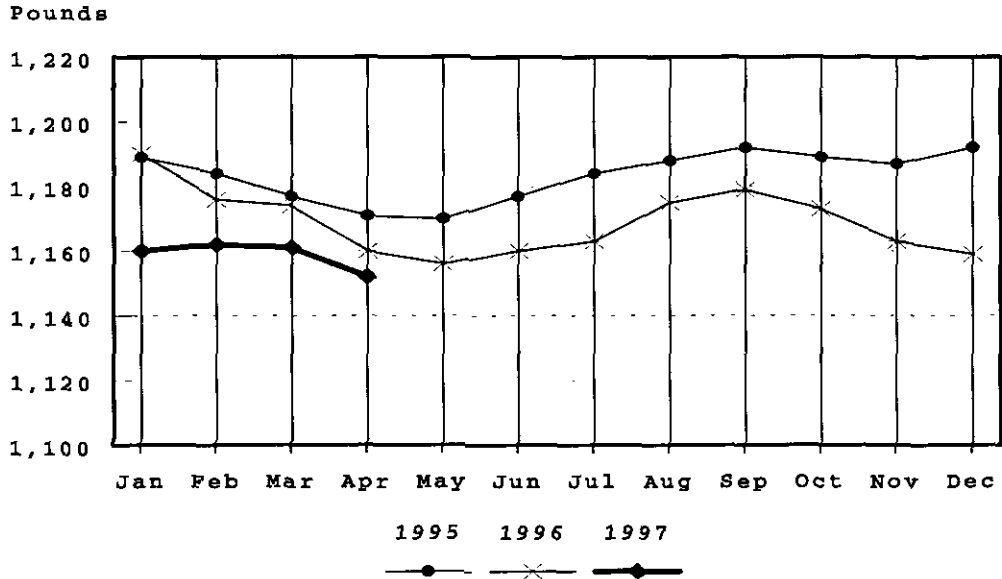
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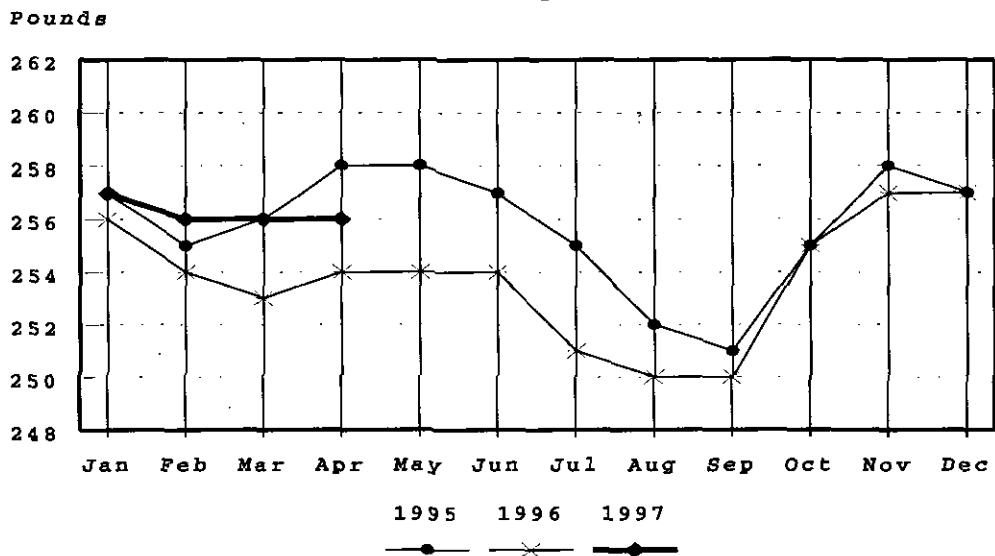
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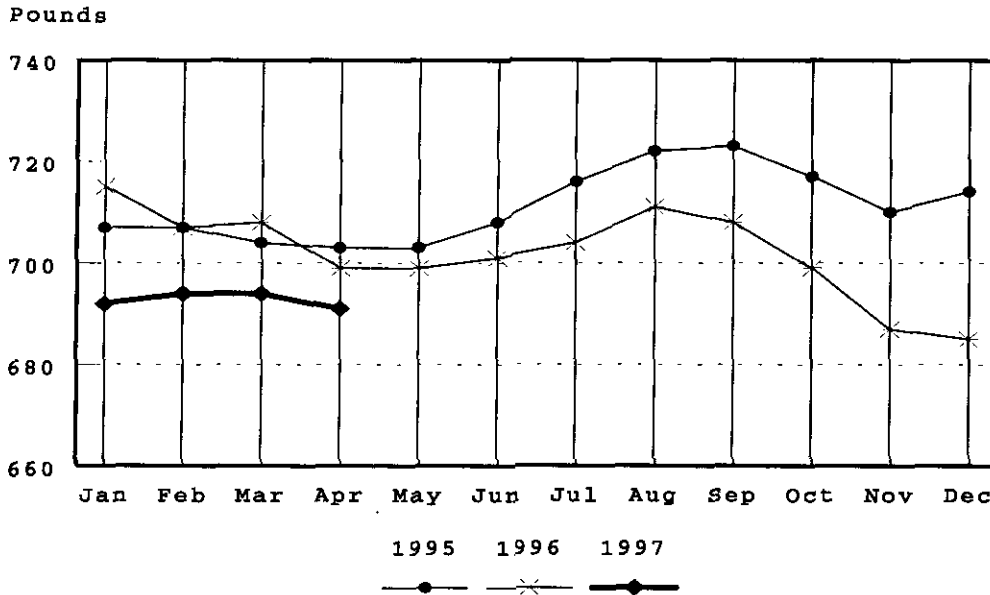
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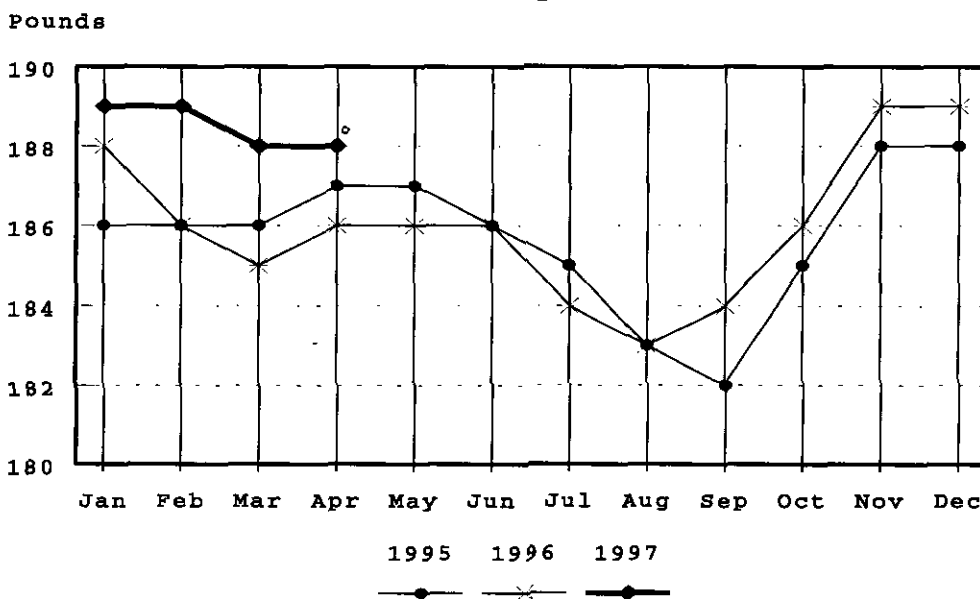
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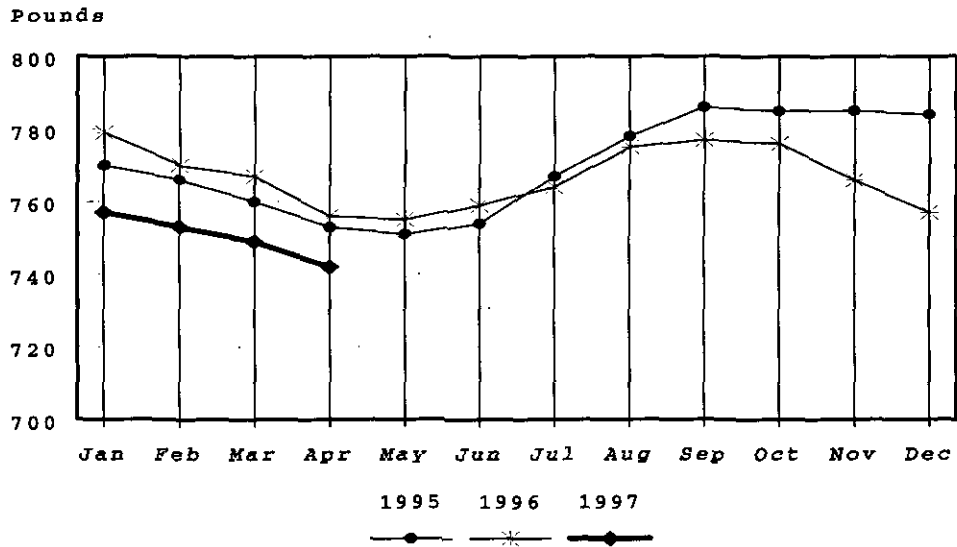
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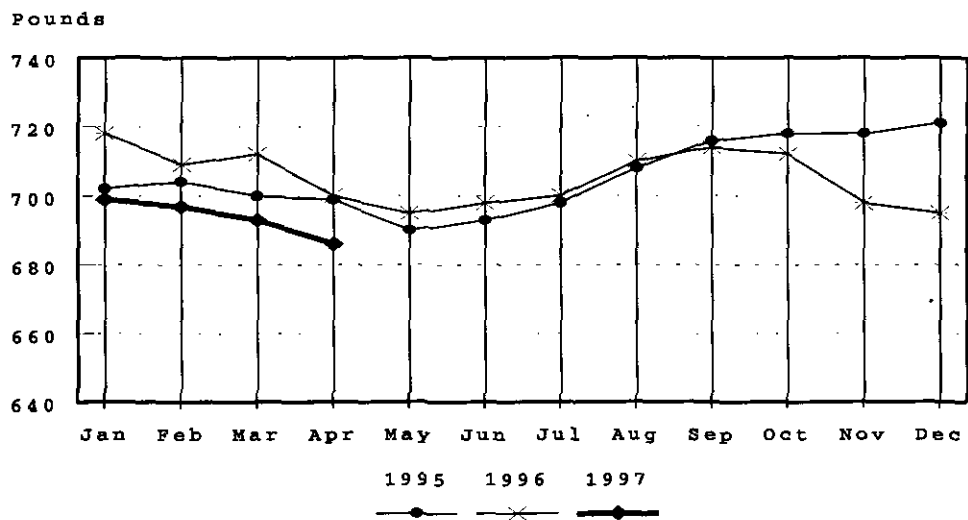
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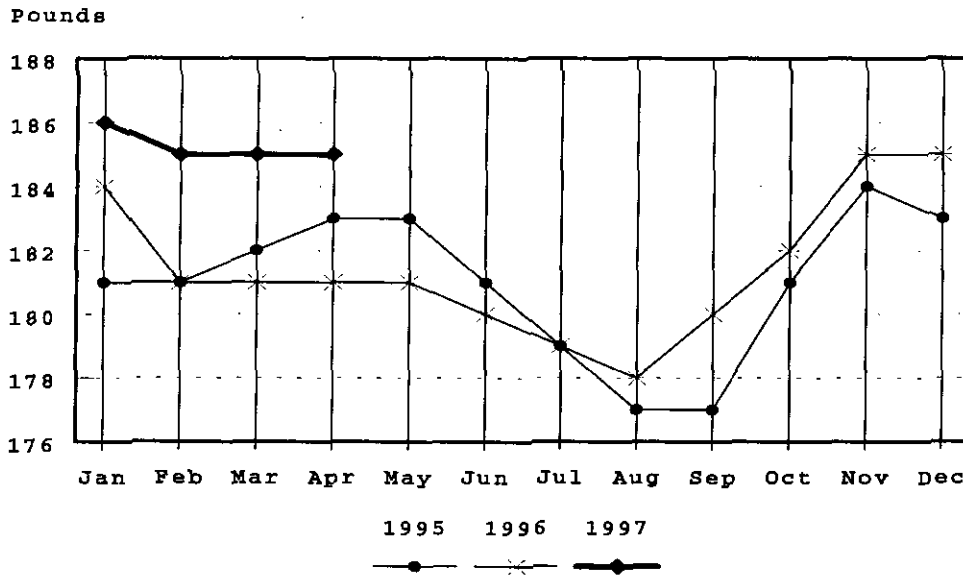
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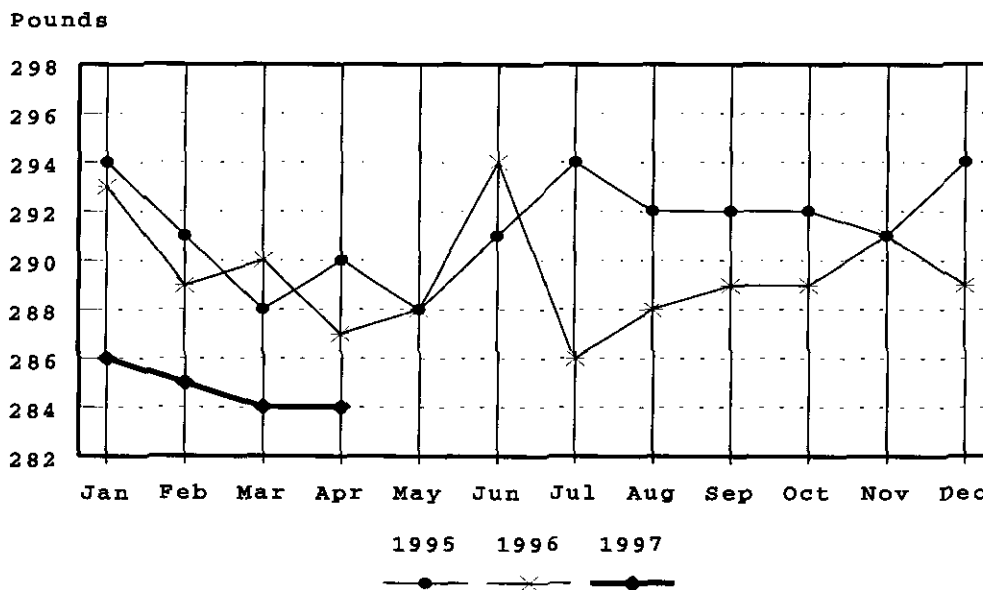
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U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Barrows and Gilts



U.S. Monthly Federally Inspected Average Dressed Weight Sows



Livestock Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial livestock slaughter estimates are obtained from the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** (LS-149) questionnaires completed by inspectors from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of animals slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. These counts are combined with data from State-administered Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) slaughter plants to derive total commercial slaughter estimates. Over 95 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The LS-149 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as head kill after condemnation and total live and dressed weights.

Approximately 1,000 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection and 2,500 plants under State inspection. Slaughter from State-inspected Talmedge-Aiken plants is included in FI totals (see Types of Plants, page 22). To prevent duplication in reporting between NFI and FI plants and assure all FI plants are included, certificates prepared by FSIS identifying operating status are constantly monitored.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are less than one-half of 1 percent. Revisions for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release by an (*) or a footnote. Final data are published in the annual summary.

Procedures and Reliability: Individual inspectors may be contacted by telephone if the **Weekly Livestock Slaughter Report** questionnaire is not received by NASS in time for summarization. This assures that all plants slaughtering a large number of head or several species are accounted for each week.

All head kill data are tabulated on a weekly basis approximately two weeks after the kill week. A computer edit compares each plant's data with the historical data for that plant. The edit provides a missing reports listing for follow-up telephone contact and imputes missing weight data. In addition, data are checked for unusual values for species, class, head kill, and pattern of kill generally, based on each plant's past operating profile.

Usually, if no form is received by mail, data for plants slaughtering fewer than 50 total head weekly of only one species are imputed. Imputation of live and dressed weight data may also be necessary on partially completed forms for any plant. The imputation is also based on the data history of each respective plant and represents the recent operating characteristics until final data are tabulated. Imputed head kill for missing plants usually is less than 1 percent of the U.S. head kill totals. Imputation for live and dressed weight data for cattle is about 15 percent and for hogs about 10 percent. The imputation for calves and sheep is more frequent and variable.

Head kill for FI slaughter before condemnation is for the actual days of the survey month, while head kill after condemnation and live and dressed weight data are for full weeks only. Average live and dressed weight and dressing percentages by State are compared with the previous week as an additional check. Fluctuations are frequently the result of plants permanently or temporarily closing and a shift in the kind of animal reported.

FI data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release, while NFI data are summarized monthly only. These weekly totals are published by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in **Livestock, Meat, Wool Market News**, Weekly Summary, and Statistics.

Livestock slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants, and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors are minimized through rigid quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Generally, no data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total commercial slaughter for a species. These data are included in U.S. totals. A review of the reported data is made annually.

Types of Plants

There are generally **four types** of slaughtering plants.

- (1) **Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards. Any State whose commercial plants operate entirely under federal inspection may still have custom-exempt establishments for which NFI estimates are made.
- (2) **Talmedge-Aiken (TA) Plants:** Slaughter plants in which USDA is responsible for inspection. However, federal inspection is carried out by State employees. These plants are considered to be federally inspected.
- (3) **Non-Federally Inspected (NFI) Plants:** Plants which sell and transport only intrastate. State inspectors assure compliance with individual State standards for these NFI plants. Mobile slaughtering units are excluded and are considered farm slaughter.
- (4) **Custom-Exempt Plants:** Plants that do not sell meat but operate on a custom basis only are custom-exempt. The animals and meat are not inspected, but the facilities must meet health standards. These are considered NFI plants and head kill is included in NFI totals.

Terms and Definitions

Commercial Production: Includes slaughter and meat production in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Dressed Weight: The weight of a chilled animal carcass. Beef with kidney knob in; veal with hide off; lamb and mutton with pluck out; pork with leaf fat and kidneys out, jowls on and head off.

Dressing Percent: Is usually expressed as a percentage yield of chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live animal on hoof. For example, a live hog that weighed 200 pounds on hoof and yielded a carcass weighing 140 pounds would have a dressing percentage of 70.

Food and Meat Inspection: Includes examination, checking, or testing of a carcass and/or meat against established government standards and involves checking the facility for cleanliness, health of animals, or parts of animals and quality of the meat produced.

Live Weight: The gross weight of a live animal when received at the slaughter plant.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where animals are killed and butchered.

Red Meat: Red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. It is derived using the number of head times average dressed weight for FI and NFI separately. FI head kill must be adjusted for condemnations using the factor derived from the FSIS inspection reports.

The FI meat production formula is $(\text{FI head kill}) \times (1 - \text{condemnation factor}) \times (\text{average dressed weight}) = \text{FI red meat production}$. The condemnation factor is the number of animals condemned as a percentage of the total kill. It has been fairly stable for the last ten years; running about 1.547 head per 100 head for calves, .359 per 100 for cattle, .336 per 100 for hogs and .500 per 100 for sheep. The NFI meat production formula is $(\text{NFI head kill}) \times (\text{live weight}) \times (\text{FI dressing percentage}) = \text{NFI red meat production}$.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of animals primarily for food.

Slaughter, Farm: Animals slaughtered on farms primarily for home consumption. Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments, but includes mobile slaughtering on farms. These estimates appear only in the annual slaughter release.

Wholesome Meat Act: Legislation that specifies that all meat produced for sale in the U.S. must be inspected; and further, meat that is transported interstate must be inspected in compliance with federal (USDA) standards.

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